



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES  
*Aging and Long-Term Support Administration*  
*PO Box 45600, Olympia, Washington 98504-5600*

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**QUALIFIED ASSESSOR**

Dear Assisted Living Facility Administrator:

Residential Care Services (RCS) was asked to clarify the regulation determining who is qualified to conduct on-going assessments in an assisted living facility, [per WAC 388-78A-2100](#). This regulation does not specifically require the person completing an on-going assessment to be a registered or licensed practical nurse. The facility must analyze the needs of the resident and the abilities and scope of practice of the staff member to determine if they are qualified to complete the assessment. If the facility determines the assessment or resident needs go beyond the assessor's scope of practice, the assessment must be referred to an appropriate and qualified person. RCS does plan to complete a rulemaking project to clarify this requirement.

Thank you for your continued commitment to resident health and safety. If you have any questions, please contact the RCS Policy Team at [rcspolicy@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:rcspolicy@dshs.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

Amy Abbott, Director  
Residential Care Services

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